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APPLICANT: Covelli CONFIRMATION No.: 1368

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FOR: IN-VITRO METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A HOMOLOGOUS

STENTED TISSUE-ENGINEERED HEART VALVE

Mail Stop RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- 1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30) (3 pages);
- 2. Response to Final Office Action mailed January 17, 2008 and Advisory Action mailed May 27, 2009 (10 pages);
- 3. Petition for Extension of Time (1 page); and
- 4. \$405 as Fees for RCE under § 1.17(e) and \$245 as Fees for two-month extension of time, under § 1.17(a)(3)

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference No. **28558-501 NATL**.

Respectfully submitted,

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